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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin at page number 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page number 10 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.